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Sometimes great plays make actors. Other times, as in the case of *Cloud 9*, the opposite is true. This production was doomed from the beginning. But, it was given new life as a result of a remarkable performance and presentation.

By itself, *Cloud 9* is a poor attempt at a comedy about maladjusted human sexuality. The setting is Victorian England as well as the present. Caryl Churchill, the author, painted a vague picture of England, created meaningless characters, and was responsible for a convoluted plot. In regards to any merit, my only concession to the play was its very funny nature.

The most outstanding aspect of the play was the superb performance by the cast. Throughout the entire show, a very talented array of individuals displayed a lot of poise, energy, and determination. All the characters did a fine job in stressing the comical mate-



Lin (Nancy Teasdale) and Betty (MaryBeth Liener) discuss sexual relationships in the 80's in Act II of *Cloud 9*.

rial. Many a person fell to his seat with laughter.

Comedy, however, was not the whole story. Another admirable feature was a well executed system of changing characters, which one had to be able to do in sometimes very short periods of time.

I was also very impressed with the lighting and acoustics. Both crews did an excellent job in creating the many moods, tones, and atmospheres of the play.

Only one weak aspect of the performance comes to mind, this being occasional weak projection. However, the audience missed very little script because of this, and it (projection) improved somewhat during the last act of the play.

In closing, a play was saved. Depthless characters were made appealing. A play that was transformed into a success only because a group of motivated people wanted it to be.

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Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Residence Hall Council, Getting Better and Better

by Thomas Tessier
Newspeak Staff

Residence Hall Council, known as RHC, has made great strides in accomplishing the unending task of making students at WPI more active through their resident advisors in the halls in which they live. Until three years ago the organization of a Dormitory Advisory Committee was poor and had little effect on the WPI community. For the past three years, Judy McGuire Robinson Director of Residential Life, has created and headed the RHC. This year the duty has been passed on to Jon Lamkins as RHC Executive Committee Chairperson, who is determined to make this a great year.

Along with the executive chairperson, RHC also consists of a programming chairperson, a policy chairperson, and two students on each floor of each dormitory. Two of these student representatives also attend the weekly meeting of the executive board. Discussions during these meetings range from what's happening in each hall to planned campus-wide activities. The programming chairperson works in conjunction with the student residential advisors to program events within the individual halls. Last year, programming events was what RHC concentrated on while this year the members are more concerned with RHC policy.

One of the RHC's goals is to try to improve the living conditions of the dormitories and the apartments. Such improvements range from repairing the bathrooms on the

second and third floor of Riley Hall to putting new living room carpet in the Fuller apartments for next year. Another idea was to have door painting contests which would be done with the cooperation of the Director of Housing, Paul Outerson. In Founders Hall, it would be lounge painting contests since the wooden doors are in good condition. In addition to painting the lounges, the laundry room could also be brightened up, an improvement to the plain white walls.

Another goal of RHC is to get many students involved in the projects that RHC is planning. Jello wrestling which was started by the Stoddard Complex has grown into a team effort between RHC and Stoddard Complex. RHC hopes to have residence hall T-shirts for students living any given hall. Another group effort will be made by RHC and SOCCOMM in December when another holiday party (remember last year's?) will be sponsored by them in Founders Hall. Individual halls also will be sponsoring their own events during this academic year.

Since the creation of RHC a few years ago, social activities have increased and student involvement has grown more prominent. Jon Lamkins stated, "This year has been the most successful year in RHC recruitment of students." Clearly, RHC is getting better and better with hopes of more activities to come involving residence halls at WPI.

WPI Endowment "Conservatively Postured" - Wall Street Crash had Little Effect

During these past few weeks, the financial markets have suffered severe ups and downs. Many of us have wondered how this instability has affected WPI's financial welfare, particularly its endowment funds.

The good news is that WPI's endowment fund investments (about \$80 million) were conservatively postured. As a result, during October, our investment performance was slightly up (just under 2%).

Our investment performance thus far this fiscal year (four months ended October 30, 1987) was also positive, at just under 1%. Our total return performance for investments in fiscal year 1987, which ended June 30, was a very satisfactory +15%.

Our Trustees Investment Committee, our

diversified group of investment managers, and the treasury staff will continue to work in close cooperation, and with frequent consultation, during these difficult and unpredictable months. We will be doing our utmost to maintain the value of WPI's resources.

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Wang Terminals Remain Until D-Term

by Leslie Ann Reed
Committee of Concerned Students Chairperson

As committee of concerned students chairperson, I felt that the removal of the Wang word processors was a big concern for the WPI population, especially for seniors trying to complete their MQP's so they may graduate in May. Therefore, Bill Riccio, student body president, and I spoke with Dr. David Cyganski Chief Information Officer, to find out what was going on.

First, he would like all seniors to know that he never intended to make you panic. He wanted to discourage the underclassmen from starting projects on the Wang. He will

be phasing the system out gradually but is willing to have some terminals available through D-term so you may finish your projects.

He is trying to bring WPI up to date as far as software goes and has ordered software that has scientific symbols included which will help faculty and students with projects.

So seniors, you will be able to finish your MQP's with the old familiar Wang word processing system if you would like, but, underclassmen please be sure to learn to use the PC's now because the Wang will be gone at the close of the school year.

Under Threat, M.I.T. Does Not Buy Supercomputer

(CPS) - The federal government's fears about the United States' trade deficit have forced the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to drop its plans to buy a supercomputer.

Researchers use supercomputers, which cost about \$15 million, for various kinds of scientific inquiry. But the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, concerned that Americans are buying cheaper supercomputers from Japan while Japan effectively prohibits American companies from selling their computers within Japanese borders, sent MIT President Paul Gray a letter Oct. 13 noting it was prepared to sue if it found MIT bought a Japanese

machine at an "unfairly low" price.

"It became clear that the federal government would like to see MIT acquire a supercomputer based on U.S. technology," Deutsch said. "The federal government provides research grants to MIT, and (its) views had to be seriously assessed by us."

The Commerce Dept. was trying to stop "dumping" — in which the Japanese computer firms would sell the supercomputers in the U.S. cheaply just to keep U.S. firms from being able to compete with them — department spokeswoman Desiree Tucker explained.

Grade Distribution for Large Enrollment Courses - A87

Values are in percentage of each class receiving the given grade.

1986					1987				
A	B	C	NR		A	B	C	NR	
CH 1010	10	14	50	17	vs.	14	36	34	12
MA 1011	13	31	33	21	vs.	13	20	36	27
MA 1012	15	33	27	25	vs.	21	33	26	19
MA 1013	21	17	30	26	vs.	19	21	32	27
PH 1110	11	50	14	11	vs.	17	58	12	10
PH 1111	33	26	21	14	vs.	23	29	28	17

All Grades	A	B	C	NR
Class of 1990 (A86)	20	30	27	16
Class of 1991 (A87)	24	34	26	15

EDITORIAL

The Problem is Money, What's the Solution?

At the past two meetings of the student organizations to revise the SAB constitution, conversation has centered on club funds instead of constitutional changes. Under the new SAB constitution, all clubs wishing to be recognized by WPI, use the WPI name and use WPI facilities, must join the SAB and deposit all club monies in a WPI account. (Because WPI enjoys a non-profit status it must maintain open books that can be audited at any time. This includes all related organizations and clubs and in order to facilitate record-keeping the administration does not allow outside accounts.)

Several students who have had trouble getting access to their club's funds in the past complained about this new restriction. Nancy Hunter, Asst. Dean of Students, said her office is working to streamline the money request process and to differentiate between money raised by clubs, which may be spent without restrictions, and clubs spending SAB funds which incur restrictions. Members of other groups then began to complain about encountering the same problems in getting money, but no solutions were offered. If students really are concerned about problems with accessing club funds, they should stop complaining and present some constructive criticisms. Suggestions are needed to improve the request process, not complaining that it is too slow and restrictive.

WPI students are intelligent enough to look at the problem and ask why it is slow and how it can be improved.

Nancy Hunter has been dealing with a variety of problems caused by the mismanagement of student accounts last year, and is striving to help students while following institute policies. The club account policy is something both Nancy Hunter and student groups must contend with since neither has the power to change it. Students and Nancy must cooperate and students should begin by offering solutions instead of complaints.

LETTERS

Due to the
Thanksgiving
Holiday,
Newspeak will
not be published
on December 1.
The next issue
will be published
December 8.

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial regarding computer laboratory access addresses a real problem. It is true that the Aptlab (HL 204) and Micro-Cad Lab (HL 215) are both open fewer hours than they were last year. Our work study staff is down about 16% compared to last year. This is principally due to a change in the policies surrounding the administration of work study funds and also to a net reduction in these funds from last year's levels.

Not all students on campus are eligible for work study. Such eligibility is a function of the student's financial aid "package," which can be made up of a combination of student loans, direct grants and work study job. Once that "package" is filled, no additional work study eligibility is allowed.

Last year, virtually all work study students were funded out of the budget of the Office of Financial Aid. When the D term work study crisis occurred last year, and funds

LETTERS

Nuclear Power Is Cleanest Alternative

To the Editor:

This is in response to last week's article "The Earth and WPI: Earthkilling", by Karen Cyr. Her comment "Nuclear reactors dot are land like running sores on bare flesh" was inconsistent with the nature of her article. Concern was stated over damage to the environment, and the less fortunate members of humanity, and included nuclear reactors as part of the problem. With this, I must disagree. Nuclear power can only help alleviate these problems.

All forms of power generation create some hazardous byproducts. Of all the methods of power generation, the wastes of nuclear power are the most manageable. Nuclear wastes are solid, and can be easily controlled and placed safely in terminal storage. The French and Japanese have been doing this for over twenty years. And despite popular opinion, geological storage will not contaminate the water supply. This is quite different from the use of fossil fuels which pours tons of

wastes directly into the atmosphere and causes many more problems than nuclear wastes ever would. Remember it was the environmentalists who were the first advocates of nuclear power, as clean energy.

Miss Cyr is concerned that engineers do their part for the good of mankind. Nuclear power can go a long way in that effort if we let it. Nuclear power is cleaner and less expensive, barring lengthy litigations and hearings, than other forms of energy. It is also not dependent upon the limited supplies of fossil fuels. Of all the options available, nuclear power is the cleanest, most economical, and most reliable choice man could make for his future.

Kevin Matthews '89
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LETTERS

No Near Term Solution to Computer Lab Cutbacks Seen

To the Editor:

ran out, the policies for the administration of those funds were re-evaluated by the administration. It was decided that for 87-88 and beyond, only students with demonstrated financial need would be funded out of the Office of Financial Aid. The monies previously budgeted for other work study eligible but "non-needy" students were supposed to be transferred to departmental budgets so that those students could still be hired. These funds apparently were not so transferred with the result that fewer students could be hired for work study jobs across the campus.

The computer laboratories have an additional problem in that not all work study eligible students are well suited for these jobs. While it is not necessary that a lab monitor be a computer whiz, it is required that he or she be responsible, personable and willing and able to learn quickly the skills necessary to

function effectively in that role.

It is not everyone's cup of tea. The Provost has been supportive in providing funds to staff the labs with students, many of whom possess the requisite skills and interest but lack the "financial need" to be funded through the Office of Financial Aid. Nevertheless, we have found it difficult to find a sufficient number of qualified personnel to properly staff these facilities this year. This unfortunately impacts very directly on the students and on the academic programs. Short of changes to the budgets and/or funding policies for work study, I do not see any near-term solution to this problem.

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COMMENTARY

Cynic's Corner

Braving the Friendly Skies

by Andrew Ferreira
Newspeak Staff

Last Friday started out normal enough. My alarm went off. I hit the snooze bar and thought, "What the hell and I doing up at this obscene hour?" But then I made my first mistake - I answered my own rhetorical question. Perhaps if I did not answer I would have remained in my bed and allowed the day's activities to whirl harmlessly above my head.

Instead, I thought-answered with "I am up so I can catch that bus to Boston so I can catch that plane to Detroit so I can catch that plane to Green Bay so I can make it to that math convention." So there I was, standing in my cold bedroom at 5:30 AM on Friday the 13th, with hundreds of miles of travelling before me just so I could go to a place that was colder than here and listen to a few good theorems. Crazy, you say. Well, maybe just a little.

I should have known things would be rough. It was, after all, Friday the 13th and I've had weeks upon weeks of dreams about plane crashes. It would be an understatement to say that I was a bit apprehensive. So to ease my nerves, I pressed the play button on my tape player. The opening strains of the first track of Laurie Anderson's "Big Science" filled my pre-dawn room. I hastily shut it off. That song is about a plane crash. I turned on the radio. The melodic sounds of the song "Catch My Fall" ooze out of my speakers. This also is not a good song to listen to before boarding a plane.

But I was determined. I felt that no force could keep me from that Wisconsin math convention. I showered and as I was dressing, I wondered what people in Wisconsin wear. I did want to blend with the scenery so I decided against the orange spandex tights and Motley Crue T-shirt. I had the perfect outfit to blend in, but I had worn my cow outfit for Halloween and had not cleaned it yet. As a last resort, I donned my black jeans and black and white flannel shirt.

So I was set for the first leg of my exciting journey. My trip to Boston was uneventful; I would even dare to call it mundane. Ah, but once in Boston, my surprises would be just

beginning.

I arrived at Logan Airport with plenty of time to spare for my flight. I checked in, got my boarding pass for my non-smoking aisle seat and did the cosmopolitan thing and purchased a Newsweek at the newsstand. When I felt it would be near time for boarding I meandered toward the gate and glanced up at the omnipresent television monitors. There was my flight, destined to leave from gate C5, with a small word flashing beneath it. That word was "DELAYED".

The plane had not even left the ground, yet the forces that be decreed that it shall depart 45 minutes later than first anticipated. This would be fine provided they also delayed my connecting flight 45 minutes. Fat chance. So, keeping the irritation in my voice well hidden, I spoke with an airline representative. Perhaps I should have seen this as a sign and just asked about their refund policy. Instead, I asked about alternate flights. After a few minutes of rapid key punching and scribbling, I was booked on a flight from Boston to Chicago and another from Chicago to Green Bay. Ah, the miracle of modern computer scheduling!

Of course there were drawbacks to this change of plans. For one thing I would arrive 2 hours later than I first thought. And secondly, and at the time, more importantly, I had to catch my first flight in 20 minutes in terminal B. That in itself is not too bad. That coupled with the fact that I was in terminal E to begin with makes life very difficult to live.

So I ran. I ran like one sees on rent-a-car commercials except O.J. Simpson never knocked people over and looked downright ungraceful. But my haste paid off. I made it. And I still got a non-smoking aisle seat.

I was very calm on the flight to Chicago; only once or twice did I think that the plane was going to crash. I was there in my jean jacket, jeans and flannel shirt reading my *Newsweek*. Next to me sat a very austere-looking businessman in a three piece suit reading *Rolling Stone*.

I had heard a lot about O'Hare Airport in Chicago. It was one of the busiest airports in the world. It was big. As luck would have it, we landed in terminal 1 and my connecting flight left from terminal 3. "Well," I thought, "just how far can these terminals be from one another? No more than a few hundred feet!" In my life I have made erroneous assumptions. This was one of them.

The two terminals were at least a mile apart. And to make matters worse, terminal 2 and terminal 3 are identical in architecture so I spent an instant in wonderment trying to figure out how I ended up at a place I just left. But I pushed on and I found the American departure lounge. I quickly checked in, got my non-smoking aisle seat and sat by the boarding gate.

I should have suspected something was wrong back in Boston because the worker who reassigned my flights said "And then you will catch a commuter flight to Green Bay out of Chicago." Commuter flight?

So I sat by the gate and kept looking out the window waiting to see the enormous Boeing 747 roll into place. They began to board the plane. I was perplexed. There was no plane outside the window. But not being one to incite panic, I said nothing and walked like a sheep down the walkway. We had to go down some stairs and at the bottom, I almost turned back. There before me was the plane.

I could not see it from the loading gate, because this plane was short. It, in fact, is called a Boeing Short. "So this is what a commuter flight looks like," I thought. This plane had propellers, just like the one Orville and Wilbur first flew. It had only one door and you had to be careful not to bump your head as you entered. We had one stewardess and a pilot and a co-pilot. It was going to be a cozy flight.

I was in seat A-3, which perplexed me as I was told that was an aisle seat. Then I saw that it was an aisle seat. In addition, it was a window seat. The plane sat only three across and the aisle ran between seats A and B. I

choose aisle seats because I do not like to look out the windows. If I wanted an aerial view I would look out my third story bedroom window.

I looked out my window before we took off, planning not to look out again until this plane rested upon the terra firma of Wisconsin. As I glanced outside the plane, I noticed a technician pointing at the top of a wing. He seemed a little frantic. He probably was concerned that the rubber band was not wound tight enough. But he soon stopped his gestures and the plane departed from the gate.

We rolled out toward the runway. For a time I thought we were going to roll all the way to Green Bay, but soon we were in position to take off. Here you should realize that I was in a very little, little plane. There are differences that you should be aware of. In a big plane everything shakes a bit and you can sense slight banks as the pilot adjusts the course. In a little plane everything shakes a hell of a lot and you can sense loop-the-loops as the pilot adjusts the course. Turbulence in a big plane means that men should sit while urinating. Turbulence in a little plane means that men will urinate while sitting. Let us simply say that the remainder of the "commuter flight" was a bit nerve racking.

As we began our descent into Wisconsin I dared to look out the window. I looked down and saw that we were close to touchdown. The only problem was that all I could see was herds upon herds of cows. I wondered where they could fit an airstrip into all of these cows. I hoped this plane was equipped like the trains of yesteryear with a cowcatcher.

But much to my relief we flew over a fence and the land suddenly was cow-free. As an added bonus there was even a landing strip there. And so the plane landed safely there in the midst of America's Dairy Land and before me was two math-packed days of talks, theorems and discussions. Ah, but that is another story...

My View From the Fourth Year

Replace NR With F

by Joshua Smith
Newspeak Staff

I had a class a couple years ago with a professor from somewhere in the Middle East. Apparently he was enticed into coming here with some malarkey about students not caring about their grades. When the first test came back (and the students hadn't done very well), he was barraged with questions about how the scores might translate to grades. His response, "Well, the test was out of 100, if you got a 50, then you got half the questions right...." The students were furious. "How can we judge our performance if you won't tell us our grades!" The professor was disillusioned and went back to the Middle East the next term.

The designers of the Plan had an innovative idea, "Make the system one in which students don't have to care about grades. They thought that they could do this by eliminating three things: grade point averages, class ranking, and the failing grade. They figured that if the school didn't promote competition among students, the students would naturally not care about their grades. What they forgot to eliminate were parents, prospective employers, graduate schools, and the entire pre-college educational system which trains students that the only meaningful measure of progress is the grading system. The Plan just might have achieved the goal of reduced competition (that's hard to prove, but I think it might be true), but it certainly has not made students care any less about grades.

Accordingly the Plan was patched with a more normal grading system which made GPAs easier to simulate. The lack of a failing grade, however, persists. Instead the school has the "NR" (for Not Recorded) which professors can give to students who do poorly. This "grade" promotes inferior educational standards, and should be eliminated.

It doesn't fool anybody (as students might hope). A simple look at a transcript, and the patience to count how many classes a student has taken, will quickly determine

the number of failed classes. Regardless, students like the comfort of having an "NR" to fall back on when things get bad. The student who is looking at a "C" can easily protect his simulated GPA by "punting" the course.

"Punting." As a transfer student pointed out to me, this school is the only one of which he has ever heard, which has a nickname for failing. We even have a nickname for failing an entire term, the "snowflake." What kind of a system is that? One in which failing courses is such a commonplace event that it has a nickname? I have even heard stories about professors who advise students to punt courses, since they don't have a chance of passing. Rather than trying a little harder in class, students are encouraged to give up.

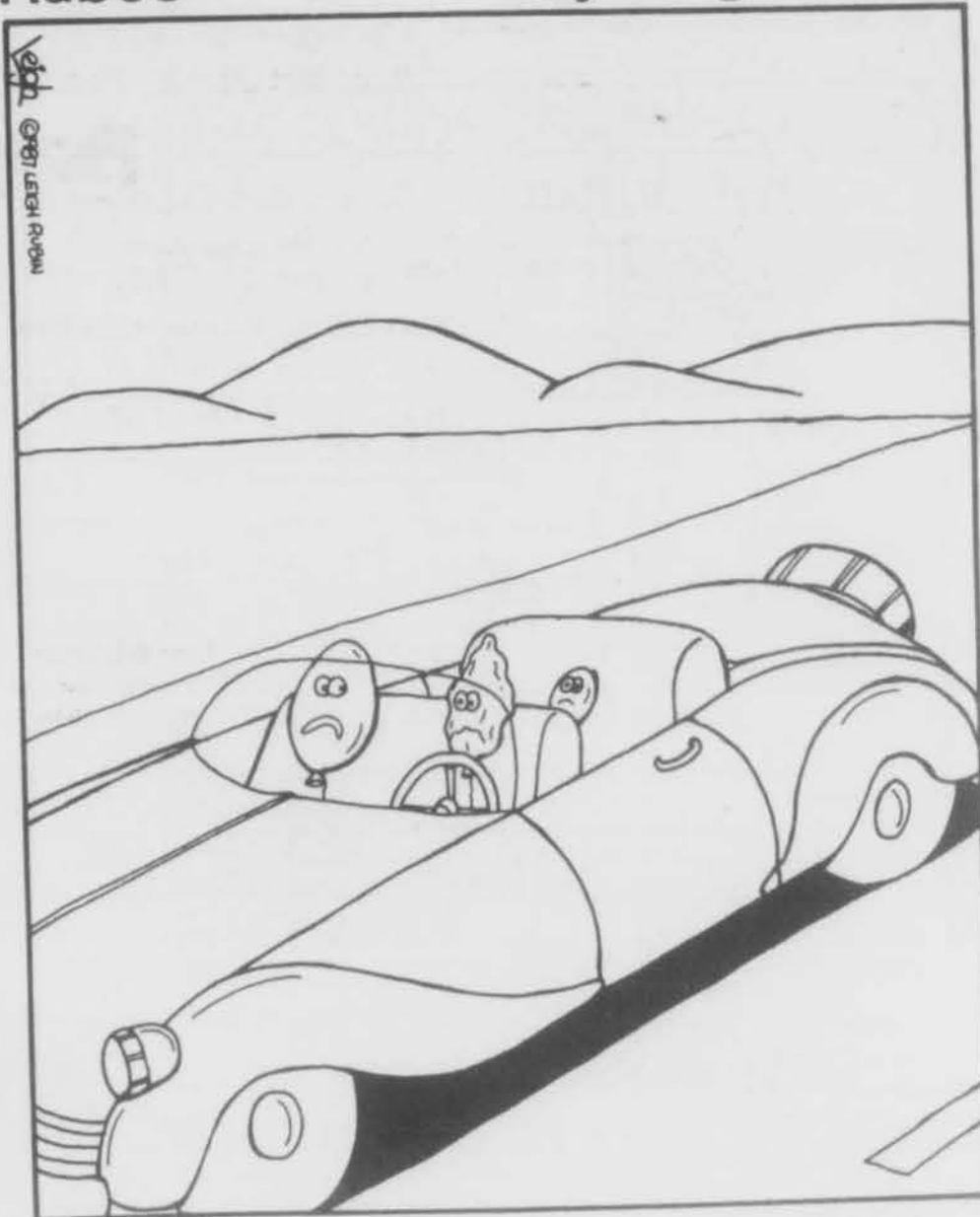
I thought that learning was the focus at WPI. I thought that grades didn't matter. The "NR" encourages students to just stop learning the material in a course if they aren't likely to get a grade out of it. I thought knowledge was the objective, rather than grades. It appears that although that may have been the original objective, the "NR" promotes the opposite result. If the school wants to promote learning, it has to get rid of the Not Recorded alternative. Many have argued that the "D" or "F" grades are just punishment grades—that they are not appropriate. That is true, in part; but the threat of these grades also acts as a motivation for students to try to complete their classes. It is a shame that the school has to threaten students to motivate them, but that's the way it is.

Accordingly, I propose an alternate grading system. 1) Eliminate the "NR," replace it with the standard "F" (for Failure). 2) Encourage professors to institute Mastery Teaching, and install mechanisms to make the "I" (for Incomplete) grade feasible for normal class work. Mastery Teaching is a very effective

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Rubes®

By Leigh Rubin



"Can't you wait to leak until we get to the next gas station?"

COMMENTARY

21 - The Magic Number

by Natali Remdi

Der folgende Artikel ist aus meiner Sicht als 19jaehrige Deutsche geschrieben. Ich lebe seit 5 Monaten als Au-Pair-Maedchen in den USA. Viele Dinge gefallen mir hier besser als zu Hause, aber einige Sachen stoeren mich auch. Besonders aergere ich mich ueber die Bestimmung, das man 21 sein muss, um Alkohol kaufen zu duufen, und um in Kneipen und Discos hineinzukommen. In der Bundesrepublik Deutschland muss man (soviel ich weiss - denn ich bin nie damit in Konflikt gekommen) 16 sein, um s.B. Bier zu kaufen und 18 fuer haertere alkoholische Getraenke.

At a bar:

- What can I get you?
- I'd like a beer, please.
- O.K. - could I see your I.D.
- Well - give me a Coke, then.

Scheisse, Mann, wer bin ich eigentlich??? United States of America, land of liberty, opportunities and individual freedom, and I cannot even get a drink. Because I am not 21 yet, I am 19. At home (West Germany), once you turn 18, you can do whatever you want, including drinking and buying alcohol. There are certain restrictions, but I do not even know them exactly, because they never concerned me. I think you have to be 16 to be allowed to buy drinks like beer and 18 to get booze with a high alcohol content.

Does that mean that 18 year old Europeans have a certain maturity that Americans do not achieve until they are 21? Are we grown-up enough to be served alcohol 3 years earlier than you? Of course, that is the law, something you "cannot do very much about". But I think these laws reflect certain attitudes. Maybe young Europeans have a stronger presence in their society, are better informed, more interested and more responsible than young Americans and as a result are more respected and trusted by society. In West Germany politicians probably would have no success in legislating a minimum drinking age law of 21, due to a resulting protest among the young population. However, here politicians do not have the problem of resistance among the youth.

I also believe the general attitude towards alcohol is different here than in many European countries. Morals and conservative values are more important. Parents want their

kids to grow up to be nice and "clean" people, children they can be proud of, children nobody can complain about.

I think that these restrictions cut down on one's personal freedom, which is supposed to be such an important issue in the American society. Not only that you are not allowed to drink alcohol where and whenever you want, but also your social life and your possibilities to spend your free time are limited by the law, because you cannot get into most bars, night clubs, etc. This is something that I personally - since I am not used to that at all - find humiliating.

"These laws are supposed to protect young people from alcohol abuse." If this is meant to be a concern about health, I find it as hypocritic as all the talk about smoking - in the land of McDonald's & Co., with an amazing number of overweight people and not the slightest concern about environmental problems.

I also think that a restriction is not a good method of protection, because it has the opposite effect. Whenever there is a chance to avoid that protection, i.e. to get alcohol for example at parties, it is a welcome opportunity to drink as much as possible.

A much better approach would be an education with an open and natural attitude, instead of making it a forbidden and mysterious thing. That would give kids a chance to learn how to handle alcohol with responsibility. Why should young people upon turning 21 suddenly be mature enough for alcohol after having been "protected" from it before?

"We have so many problems with drunk driving, especially with young people." Making a law that forbids the sale of alcohol to people under 21 is a quick and a superficial solution that might be useful to satisfy conservative voters, but not to solve the problem. In the U.S.A. little 16 year old kids can drive a car, with all the responsibilities and dangers. But they have to be 21 to be served alcohol. It might be better to teach them how to handle alcohol first, so they can use their knowledge when they start driving.

This is my opinion about the fact that here you have to be 21 to buy alcohol. However, despite the fact that there are a few things about the U.S. I do not like, I enjoy staying here very much because there are also many positive things in this country.

Laundrimania at WPI

by Timothy Ferrarotti

Good evening to all our viewers at home and in the studio. It's time for us to begin everyone's favorite game: "Laundrimania at WPI" Let us first introduce our contestants: The entire student population living on campus. Good Evening everyone.

The object of our game is simple; to get your laundry washed and dried in one evening. This might seem easy, but you will encounter many obstacles while playing; first you must carry your over-stuffed laundry basket through the Wedge. Here all of your friends will be waiting to comment on the number of towels you are washing. Once you enter the game-room, you will be need to find a place to put your basket. Unfortunately you won't be able to use the laundry-table because four juniors will be writing their IQP on it. After placing your basket and soothing your hands (suffering from laundribasketitis: resulting from the act of juggling the basket, your detergent and other necessary supplies), you begin your quest. There are thirteen available washers and sixteen dryers. Unfortunately there will be 1,983 students waiting to use them (You are now number 1,984). "Step a- side" Despite this, you have come prepared. You have a Coleman stove, a year's rationing, a cordless phone and a draft of your will.

Once (if) you locate a free machine you are halfway home. Beware!! At first you may wish to place all of your clothes into one machine. But Old Man Overload dwells inside. The more daring contestant may mix whites and colors in one load. You will recognize him around campus: he's the one who has a complete Tie- Die wardrobe. If by luck you arrive early in the day, you will be able to monopolize every washer in the place. The more intelligent student will sell rights to his friends or develop a laundry tree. If you plan to do the former, have Brinx deliver a load of quarters You must now place detergent in the washer. Avoid excess (The Peter Brady rule). You will be required to select the load type. Don't bother, the switch isn't connected. While playing the game, you will need more quarters than the man at the snack bar will be able to give you. If you're lucky and hit the daily double, you will find lost change in the bottom of the washer-tub. Sometimes, without reason you might be required to put extra-

change in the slot (Murphy's second law of vending machines). When completed, please hurry and move away from the washer, someone needs it to do homework on.

After your load is done you will not be able to find an available dryer. Don't leave your wash unattended, someone will remove it and place it on the IQP table. Please don't remove other contestants' clothes from the dryers, even though they have been there for two terms. Eventually they will arrive and you will acquire a dryer. If your cards are good, you will win free dryer time. That's right, an all expenses-paid vacation to Maytagville. To be used immediately. Bring a friend. Space is limited to the number of persons that can fit into a rotating dryer. Heat included. To extend your stay simply insert fifty cents.

While playing Laundrimania here at WPI, you will have the opportunity to meet many people. You will make new friends (the person you save your washer for) and many enemies (anyone who is waiting for a free machine). There is one small entry fee (\$15,000 / year). All contestants should wear shorts and a t- shirt. The studio temperature is carefully regulated at 252 degrees.

We have been asked to identify the following illnesses that might result from excessive participation in Laundrimania:

Spinomania - from watching too many dryer-loads.

Lintability - excessive attraction to lint. Slimecarpals - liquid-detergent inflicted sticky fingers.

Dumpatism - key sign: emptying other's washer loads.

Folder's elbow - from folding a term's worth of laundry.

Broke-esis - at fifty cents a load, laundry is expensive.

Cleptomania (basket version) - stealing laundry-baskets.

Ecchymosis - a black eye received during competition.

Heat Stroke - the wash room is scorching-hot.

I.Q.P. Failure - Don't do your I.Q.P. in there.

Good luck to all our contestants. May the game (bloodshed) begin.

My View From the Fourth Year

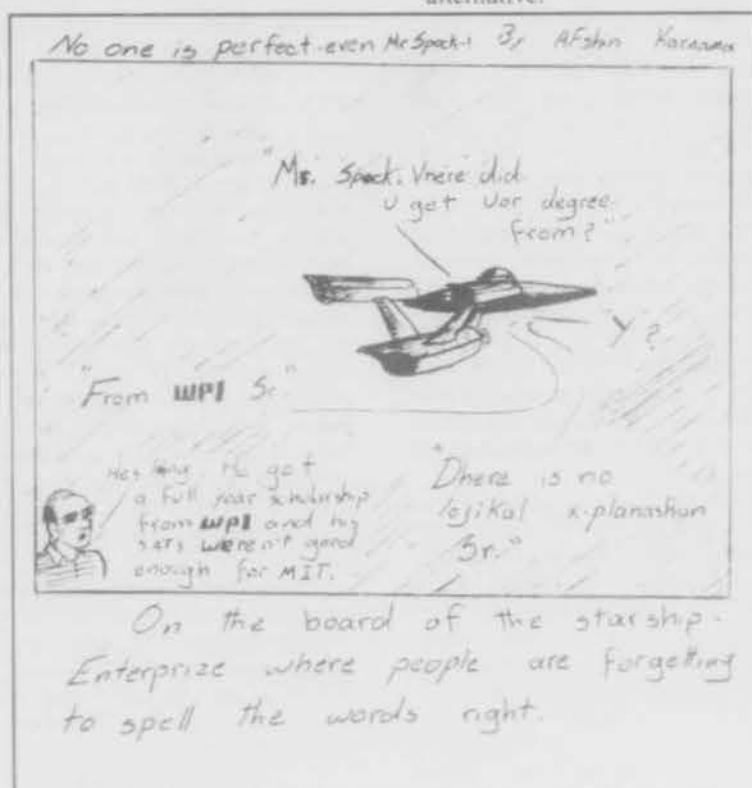
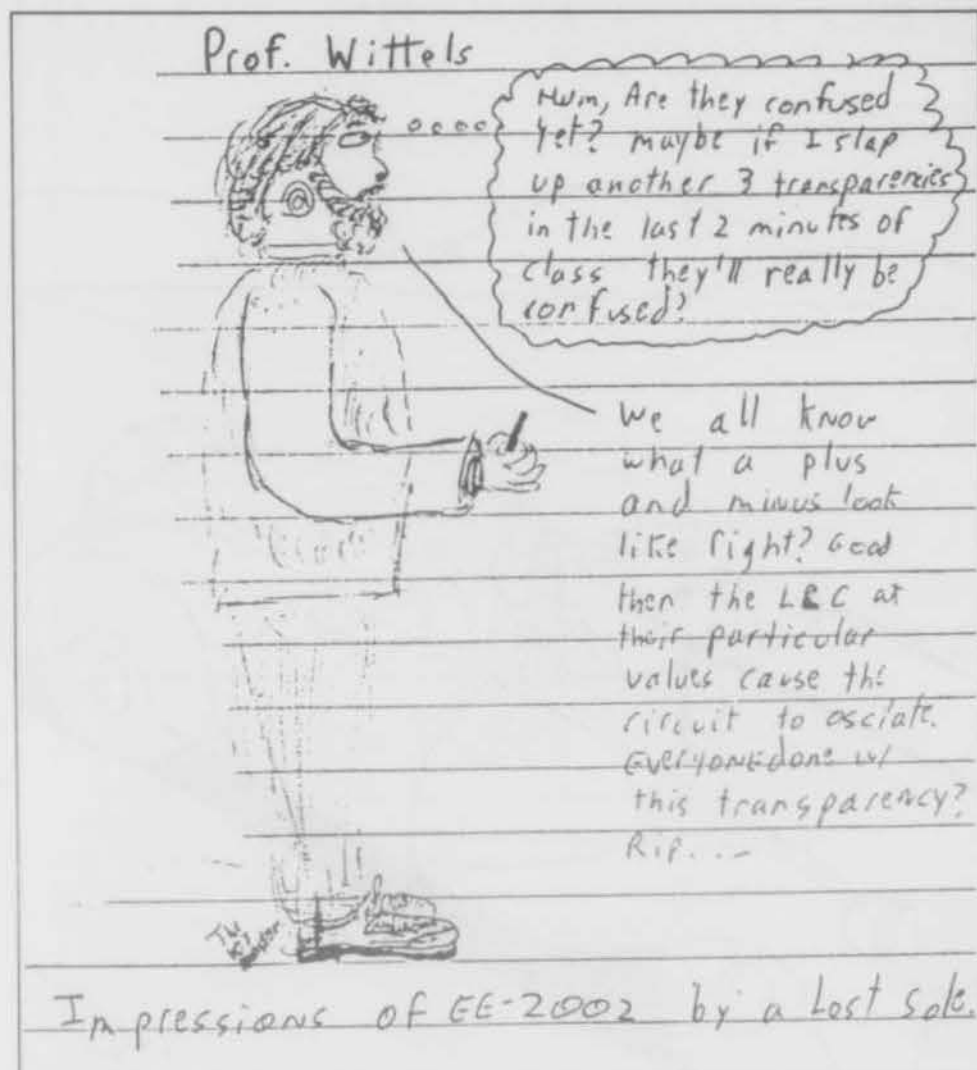
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technique which asserts simply that mastery of a subject is necessary if a student wants credit. Any student scoring below a "B" will receive an Incomplete until he has proven to the professor that he has mastery of the material. If the professor does not submit a new grade within a certain time period, the "I" will automatically be transformed to an "F." Students will be required to complete the material for a course to avoid the "F," but they will be given a chance to complete their work in the following term if it becomes absolutely necessary. It's the best of both worlds.

I should note that this is not an original idea. Two college professors for whom I have great respect have used this technique for years and their students love it. The one who

invented the system has an "A or Incomplete" policy, in which students are required to resubmit any work which receives less than an "A" grade. Thus, mastery of the subject is required. The other professor uses what she calls an "A, B, or Incomplete" policy. The only difference is that there are different work requirements for each grade.

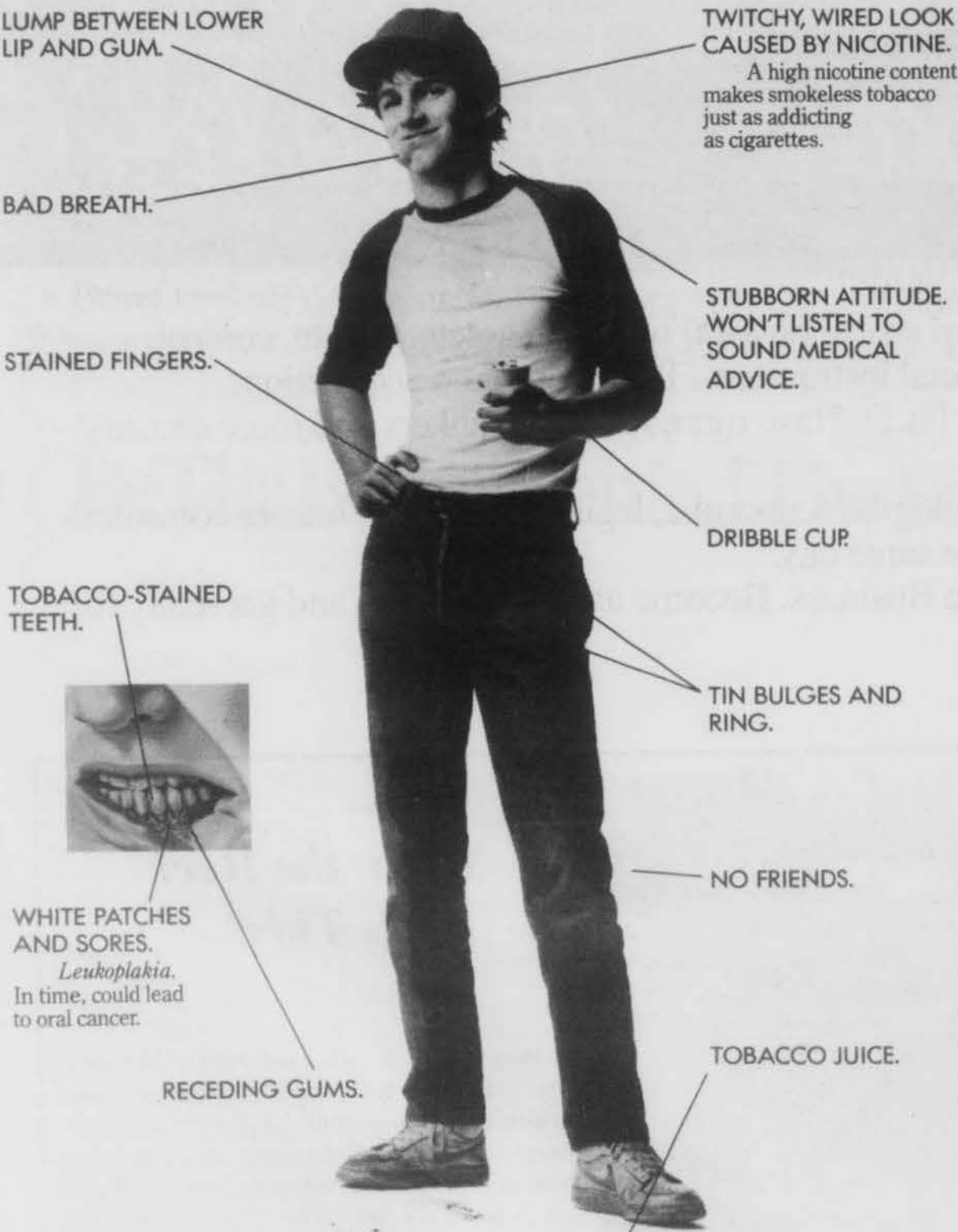
The implementation of this policy at WPI would, of course, have to be as an option rather than a requirement. You can't tell professors how to grade (academic freedom and all that). But I think that many of the forward-thinking professors might like this idea, or some derivative thereof. Something has to be done about the "NR," and I think the plan I've presented might be an adequate alternative.



COMMENTARY

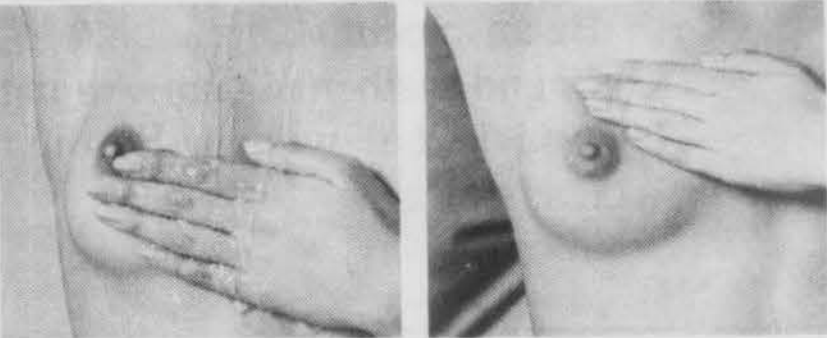
Pulsar

by Carlos M. Allende



Read this page like your life depends on it

Learning how to examine your breasts properly can help save your life. Breast cancer found early and treated promptly, has an excellent chance for cure. Once a month, about a week after your period, when your breasts are not tender or swollen, use this simple 3-step self-examination procedure. Regular inspection shows what is normal for you and will give you confidence in your examination. Most lumps are not cancer, but only a doctor can make a diagnosis. Ask your doctor to teach you this method:



- 1. In bath or shower.** Fingers flat, move gently over each breast with the opposite hand. Check for any lumps, hard knots or thickening.
- 2. In front of a mirror.** Inspect your breasts with arms at your sides. Next, raise your arms high overhead. Look for any changes in contour, a swelling, dimpling of skin or changes in nipple. Rest palms on hips, press down firmly to flex chest muscles. Left and right breast will not exactly match.
- 3. Lying down.** To examine right breast, put pillow or folded towel under right shoulder. Place right hand behind head to distribute breast tissue more evenly on chest. With left hand fingers flat, press gently in small circular motions around an imaginary clock face. Begin at the outermost top of right breast (12:00, move on to 1:00, and so on, around and back to 12:00). A ridge of firm tissue in the lower curve of each breast is normal. Make about three circles moving closer and including nipple. Slowly repeat procedure on left breast. Notice how breast structure feels. Finally squeeze nipple gently between thumb and index finger. Any discharge, clear or bloody, should be reported to your doctor immediately. The American Cancer Society wants you to know.

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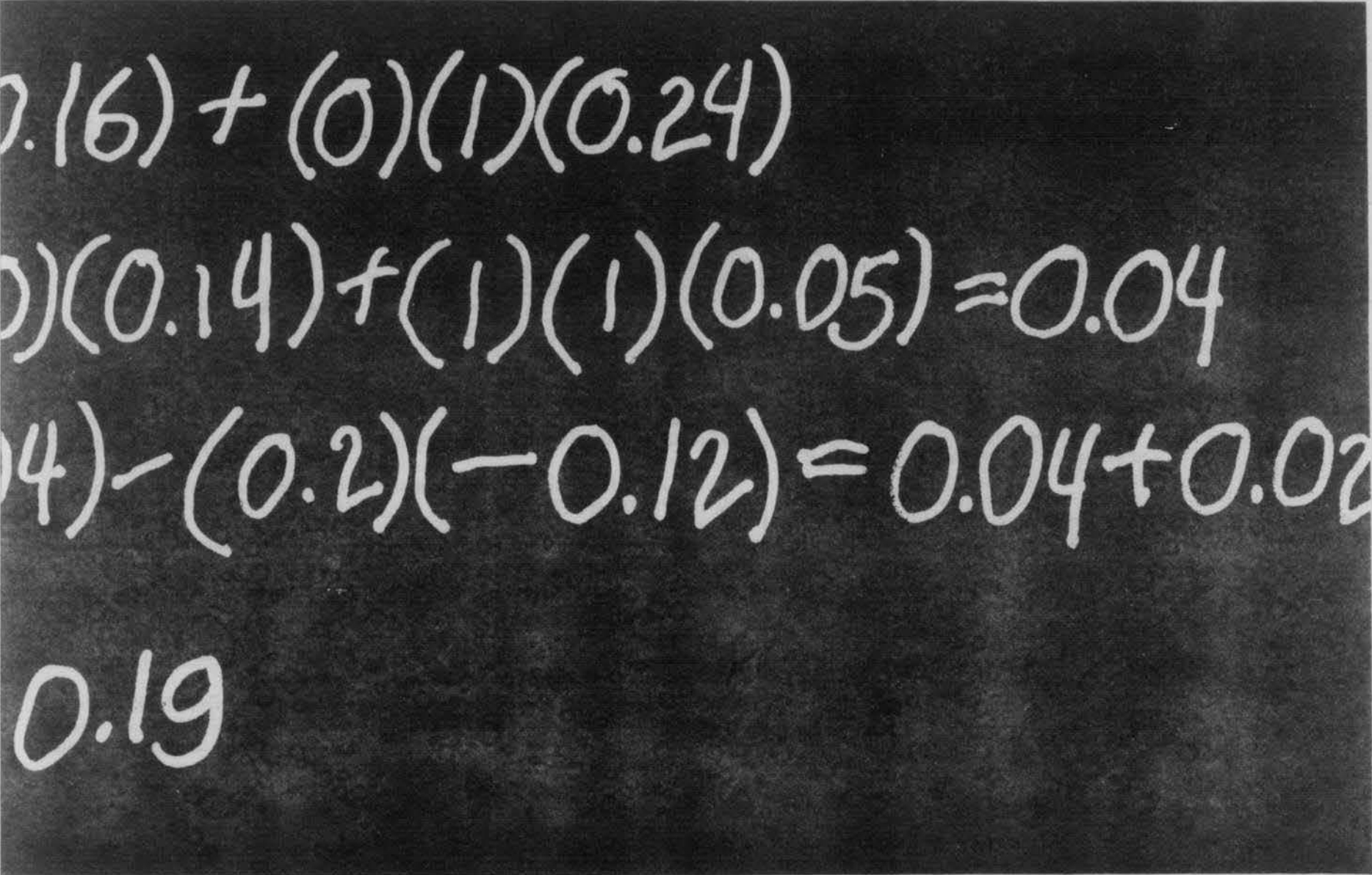
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What the Heck is This?

Was last week's photo an easy one to identify? Maureen Kelly's ('90 MGE) name was drawn at random from the many correct entries. The photo was of a plaque on the stairway leading from Kaven Hall to Salisbury Laboratories along the side of Gordon Library. She wins the grand prize of a Domino's pizza. Now, for a real challenge, see if you can identify this week's photo. Entries must be submitted by Friday, December 4 at 12:00 noon to Newspeak, Box 2700. Good luck.

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PENN Kicks Strippers Out of Frat Parties

(CPS) - The top two officials of the University of Pennsylvania have warned campus fraternities not to hire female strippers to perform at rush functions again.

"The hiring of strippers," President Sheldon Hackney and Provost Michael Aiken wrote in a letter distributed to all fraternity houses last week, "portray(s) people as objects in a degrading, dehumanizing and tasteless manner."

Both the Zeta Beta Tau and Alphi Chi Rho houses had strippers perform at rush functions the first week of October. At the ZBT event, students reportedly engaged in sexual acts with the performers. One pledge said he felt pressured to participate in order to get a bid to join the house.

One freshman, whose name officials would not divulge, was so offended, however, that he told campus officials about it, leading Penn Women's Alliance Coordinator Constance Natalis to threaten to protest the fraternities' "insensitivity to women" formally.

University of Illinois women already

have acted.

On Halloween, a group called Women Rising in Resistance conducted a "Tour the House of Horrors" down UI's Greek Row, where a woman reportedly was raped in September.

Soon after the rape report, anti-greek graffiti was spray-painted on two houses on Greek Row.

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Executive Council Minutes

November 5, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bill Riccio. The attendance is not available due to the fact that Secretary Lisa Partridge has class Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

Old Business: Scott (VP): Student Body Meeting went well; 50 to 60 showed up; next one will be December 9, 1987.

Committee Reports:

Chrys (Acad. Comm.): Academic Committee has a meeting Tuesday, November 3, 1987. There will be meetings with small groups concerning the problems with the math department. The meeting also talked with Bob Voss from admissions and the possibility of dropping mandatory SAT's.

Leslie (CCS): Alcohol Awareness Week is going well. Thanks to all for their help.

Robert (CHB): The first case was at the end of A-Term. One student was accused of assaulting another.

Jeff Kearns (RHC): There was an apartment task force set up. They are thinking of having a holiday party with SocComm, dorm T-shirts and door painting contests.

Kathi (SocComm): Twenty members are going to a regional conference. There will be a consortium concert on April 24. Plans are under way for spring weekend and C and D terms.

Caleg (SAB): The activities fair in September went well. SAB is being reorganized, details will be given later.

Mike (IFC): There was an October meeting of trustees and they are waiting to hear if a fund could be set up to help houses with monetary matters. For alcohol awareness week, four or five fraternities had non-alcoholic parties or happy hours. Worcester Telegram publicized it. Good neighbor relations committee is working out well.

Edie (Panhel): They are planning a raffle for a VCR. Tickets will be \$1. They are also working on a Valentine's Day Dance on campus.

Jean (Class of '88): There was a meeting of class officers to discuss a beach trip. May 7, 1988 is the Senior Dinner Dance at the Sheraton, Boxboro, Booze Cruise May 14 Senior walk April 19 and possible consortium road race in C-term. February 23 is 88 days to graduation.

Pete (Class of '89): Hoping to do a fundraiser next month. They are planning on pictures with Santa Claus, looking for a Santa.

Danielle (SAS): They are planning a project night in March. Dress for Success will be February 23-24 and Managing Your Salary will be April 5,6,7. They are also looking into changing the Tech Bible.

Mark (Newspeak): They are sending 5 people to a conference at UCONN.

New Business:

Leadership WPI will be run this year by Peter Mullen and Peter Tousignant.

Arts & Entertainment

Foothills Gives Rebirth to Worcester Theater Life

by Jefferey Coy
Newspeak Staff

A professional resident theater has long been considered a necessity in any large American city. For the past several years, though, Worcester has lacked such an institution. However, last week saw the reemergence of professional theater in Worcester as the Foothills Theater opened its doors for a grand opening.

The Foothills Theater Company, which has already performed in Worcester in the past, will now be housed in a brand new 349-seat facility located in the Worcester Center Galleria. This location promises a fine, state-of-the-art stage as well as easy accessibility from the surrounding area. Certainly, the Galleria is no more than a fifteen minute walk from the WPI campus.

Executive Producer and Artistic Director Marc P. Smith has led the company in its quest for a permanent home. Looking to the future, he has stated that "A reborn resident theater company will create a body of works dedicated to the highest ideals of its community and to the exploration of its universal humanity." By settling the Foothills group within Worcester, Smith and many dedicated others have brought to the city "a first class theater home."

The recent absence of a resident theater among Worcester's cultural offerings has wondered many. Surely, the city is far enough away from Boston, and large enough in its own right to support a theater of its own. The Boston Globe has, in fact, claimed that "Professional theater's return to Worcester ... [is] a competitive necessity for the city's economic future."

Subscriptions to the company's first season are still available. According to Associate Producer Susan Smith, subscribers enjoy many benefits not extended to regular-purchase theater-goers. Costs are greatly lowered, for subscriptions begin at as little as \$7.71 per ticket, a total savings of \$16 over the box office price for the seven-show schedule. In addition, subscribers get first pick at seating in the intimately-sized theater and also enjoy discounts at various area restaurants, shops, and other theaters in the Worcester-Boston-New York City region. Subscriptions are available by writing Foothills, PO Box 236, Worcester, Ma 01602, or by calling 754-4018.

The current schedule of seven shows comprises this year's season: "The Foreigner," by Larry Shue, November 12 to December 6. This is the longest-running, non-musical Off Broadway show in history. It promises inventive comedy and chaotic farce.

"Williams and Walker," by Vincent Smith, December 10 to January 3. The nationally renowned National Black Touring Circuit presents its story of the first Black vaudevillians to attain success. It is sure to be packed with the ragtime music of that era.

"The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes," by John Nassivera, January 7 to January 13. In this mind-puzzling mystery, the legendary sleuth gets a chance to meet his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

"Biloxi Blues," by Neil Simon, February 4 to February 28. Considered to be one of Simon's best works in recent memory, this story concerns the development of the author's alter ego, Eugene Morris Jerome, as he copes with women, the Army, and "life in general."

"Retrofit," by Marc P. Smith, March 3 to March 27. This comedy concerning bungling bureaucracies, covert intelligence operations, and people engineering is the Foothills' Artistic Director's world premier.

"Pack of Lies," by Hugh Whitmore, March to April 24. Recently produced as a television movie, this story traces the breakdown of a British family as it must cope with the possibility that their best friends are Russian spies.

"Dames at Sea," by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller, with music by Jim Wise, April 28 to May 22. Tap dancing and light-hearted music highlight this delightful spoof of 1930's musicals.

In helping to build this theater, Director Marc Smith has called the Foothills' future a part of "civilization ... It is a journey in which we all must participate." The Foothills Theater is already an asset to Worcester's cultural life. Hopefully, the city will gather around it in support and help to make this journey a definitive success. Anything less would be a sad mistake for a project with so bright a beginning.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN FRENCH

Amber, in his daily pursuit of reflections all over the campus, finds entertainment in the back of Daniels Hall.

Okay Roger, We Get The Point

by Jacqueline O'Neill
Newspeak Staff

Roger Waters ended his American tour at the Worcester Centrum on Monday, November 16. This show was unusual in many ways. Based on a radio show (KAOS), which was the theme of his latest album, the concert was intermingled with telephone calls from the audience and a disc jockey who introduced songs. The show began promptly at 7:31 with a disc jockey from Southern California, named Jim Ladd, hosting. Throughout the entire concert, he was visible in an upper corner of the stage with the "stations" call-letters, Radio KAOS, above him. He entertained the audience by playing "Radioactive" by the Firm as an audience warm-up. Then the keyboardist from Roger Waters' backup band, the Bleeding Heart, played a song. After the keyboardist was finished, Jim Ladd took a few calls from the audience who called from a telephone booth on the floor. Judging from the mood of these calls, the audience was very excited about the upcoming show.

After a few minutes of calls, Roger Waters emerged with the rest of Bleeding Heart for a show which catered to the audience. The audience itself was varied. Many were obviously there to hear the Roger Waters from Pink Floyd fame, and many wanted to hear his new solo record. Both groups were satisfied.

Without doubt, the songs that were given the best reception by the crowd were his old songs; *Welcome To The Machine*, *Money*, *Wish You*

Were Here, *Another Brick In The Wall*, and an ancient song (with video) which was pulled out of the archives called *Arnold Lane*. After this song was played, Waters made mention of "the great Sid Baret", one of the founders of the group Pink Floyd. For his encore, Waters played *Breath* and an upbeat version of *Brain Damage*. Most of his new album was played, including *Radio Waves*, *Who Needs Information*, *Me or Him*, *Powers That Be*, and *Sunset Strip*.

After an hour and a half set, the band took a ten minute break before playing for another solid hour. The only complaint I had about the show was that I left with a headache - from being beaten over the head with Roger Waters' message. I felt it was a bit overdone, not to mention biased. Shown on the video screen behind the band were continuous pictures of babies, children and soldiers being killed or injured, offset by pictures of smiling politicians, war machines, and terrorist actions. Waters' message would have been just as clear if the contrast had not been so obvious and the message beaten into us as much. Anyone familiar with Roger Waters knows what his message is - they don't need to be overwhelmed by it.

The music, however, was superb and the audience receptive. Roger Waters was amiable and talkative, and the set-up different from the usual concert. In all - the concert was exciting and satisfying to all.

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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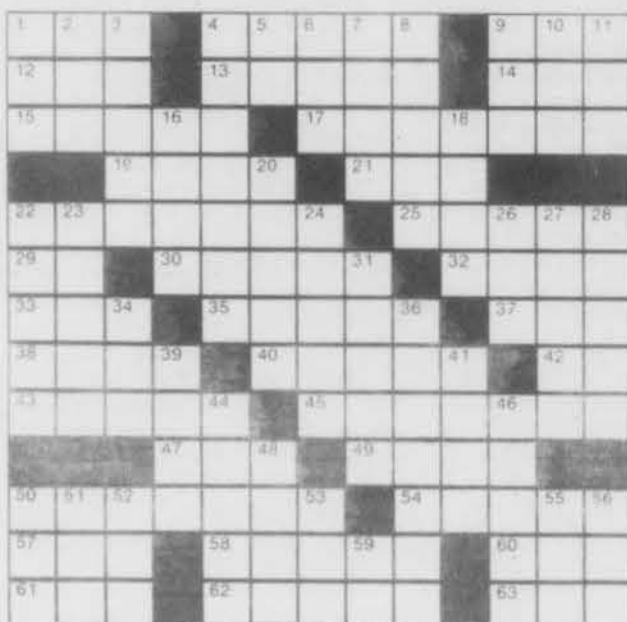
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- 12 Cloth measure
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- 22 Gift
- 25 Malay canoes
- 29 French article
- 30 Characteristic
- 32 Hindu garment
- 33 Organ of hearing
- 35 Heavenly bodies

DOWN

- 37 Make lace
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- 45 Nonprofessional
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The Comedy Coffeehouse



D. J. Hazzard



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTOS/STEVE BRIGHTMAN
"The Mystery Guest"

D. J. Hazzard and "The Mystery Guest" brought tears of laughter to the audience at The Comedy Coffeehouse last week with their own particular brands of humor.

SPORTS

Winter Sports Preview

by Beth Gliddon

Men's Swimming

The Engineers went 8-5 last season, giving WPI its third consecutive winning season. The last such run was from 1977 to 1980. According to Coach Whit Griffith, "The challenge this season is to add the elusive fourth leg."

Though four members of the 1986-87 team are gone, many competent swimmers remain and several have taken their places. Junior Andy Owen and sophomore Mike Kiss return to lead a nucleus of nine letter-winners.

Coach Griffith says, "The unknowns for the 1987-88 are how we've improved in comparison to our opponents and whether we can compete in six-lane pools with scoring to five places. The known is that we will definitely be competitive."

Women's Swimming

1987-88 is the fourth varsity season for women's swimming at WPI. With four full years of recruiting behind it, the program has been growing steadily. Coach Whit Griffith says, "With the loss of only one student, Wendy Calway who graduated, this promises to be the best season yet."

Seniors Jeanette Cheetham, Kathy Cushing and Diane Fyrer will lead the squad of ten returning letter-winners and freshmen Cara Dallagustine, Sarah Glow and Rebecca Griffith.

Griffith says he wonders how much the lack of a diver might hold back the program and whether the team has enough depth to compete in six-lane pools with scoring to five places. He adds, "I do know that this will be one of the best overall women's teams we have had at WPI - and it will be very competitive."

Women's Basketball

Coach Naomi Graves (in her third season) and the Engineers have their work cut out for

them this winter. With the loss of five seniors from last year's ECAC championship team (and a 17-9 record), the immediate concern will be filling the gaps. The biggest spaces to fill will be those of graduated All-New England players Cathy Murray and Cindy Perkins; both led the Engineers in scoring and rebounding.

Returning players that will be looked upon to fill the void are junior power forward Deb Carelli, sophomore Jody Normandin (ECAC Rookie of the year), and senior captain Eileen Sullivan. Newcomers to the 1987-88 Engineers include freshmen Donna DeFreitas and Pam Peterson, sophomore Kristine Gatley, and juniors Kathy Goggins and Carrie Nolet.

Women's Track

According to Coach Brian Savilonis, WPI will have an informal indoor track team of 10-12 athletes participating in a half dozen open meets. "Without an indoor facility," he said, "the indoor season continues to be a good way to maintain interest and to develop some skills for the outdoor season."

Coach Savilonis added that the team will, most likely, be dominated by freshmen. He projected the same for the spring season.

Men's Track

Coach Merl Norcross echoes the words of Women's Track Coach Brian Savilonis, "The lack of an indoor facility will hurt, but we will field a representative team of approximately 35 athletes."

Weight throwers Dave Hearn and Mile Thibert will lead the weight team. Tom Schibly will be a point-getter in the high jump and pole vault. His best vault is 14'7". Brian Johnson is the only returning sprinter with collegiate experience, though freshman Keith Lundin has a strong high school background.



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO / LAURA WAGNER

Number 44 Dan Sioui attempts to score one for WPI. Mike Sykes (wearing number 40) helps block the Clark defense in last Saturday's game.

Men's Basketball Defeats Nichols, Drops One to Clark

by Helen Webb
Sports Editor

The WPI men's basketball record stands at 1-1 after winning the first round game but losing the final in the Worcester Four tournament held this past weekend in Harrington Auditorium. The annual tournament this year featured teams from WPI, Clark University, Nichols College, and Worcester State battling for city bragging rights.

In WPI's first game of the season, the Engineers dominated Nichols, winning 108-84. Superlative performances were turned in by sophomore guard Jeff Ayotte and senior guard Mike McCourt. Ayotte led the Engineers in scoring, going 9 for 17 from the floor and hitting 7 of 10 three point shots as well as a free throw to score 26 points on the night. McCourt also shot well from the three point zone, making two of three attempts. He made 10 of 13 shots from all parts of the floor, and went a perfect 3-for-3 from the free throw line to total 25 points. He also had a game-high 12 assists, and was credited with eight rebounds. Also valuable on defense were center Chris Brunone (seven rebounds, 10 points) and forward Mark Czerepusco (seven rebounds, four points).

WPI met its match in the final against arch-rival Clark University. Actually, WPI won the

second half, but Clark's twelve-point half time lead was too much for the Engineers to overcome, and WPI lost by a score of 86-81. Jeff Ayotte had another good game, scoring 26 points (including 4 three-point baskets) and contributing seven assists and four steals to the Engineers' efforts. Other high-scoring players for WPI included forward Mark Czerepusco, who made seven of twelve from the floor and went 4-for-5 from the free-throw line for a total of 18 points, and center Chris Brunone, who made four of five from the floor and six of ten from the free throw line to score 14 points on the game. Czerepusco and Brunone also led the team in rebounding, pulling down 11 and eight balls, respectively. In the end, however, Clark's 62% shooting from the floor could not be matched by the Engineers, who as a team made 47% of all baskets attempted from the floor.

The Engineers, despite the loss to Clark, look to be a strong team this year. Brunone, a senior, has been a defensive constant for several years, and Mike McCourt's impressive three-point shooting history, combined with Ayotte's outstanding performances, portend a good year for the Engineers.



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO / LAURA WAGNER

Sophomore Guard Jeff Ayotte (number 24) charges into the key to pick up two more points for the Engineers in the first round of the Worcester Four tournament. The 6'2", 175 pound Ayotte scored 26 points and was seven for ten from the three point scoring range, as well as hitting one of four from the free throw line. All together, WPI guards scored 72 of the team's 108 points.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1987-88 Men's Varsity Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Year	Height/Weight	Hometown
10	Mike McCourt	G	Sr.	6'1"/190 lbs.	Cumberland RI
12	Ken Willis	F	Sr.	6'4"/195 lbs.	Manchester CT
14	Tom Bartolomei	G	Fr.	6'1"/150 lbs.	Dudley MA
20	Matt Glubiak	G	Jr.	6'0"/170 lbs.	Whitestone NY
22	Skip Bowker	G	So.	6'3"/170 lbs.	Plymouth MA
24	Jeff Ayotte	G	So.	6'2"/175 lbs.	Concord NH
30	Eric Perry	G	Fr.	6'3"/180 lbs.	Castleton VT
32	Carl Koslowski	F	So.	6'2"/180 lbs.	Warren MA
34	Art Ouimet	C	So.	6'6"/220 lbs.	Enfield CT
40	Mike Sykes	C	Jr.	6'7"/210 lbs.	Sandwich MA
43	Dave Brunone	C	Fr.	6'6"/185 lbs.	Vernon CT
44	Dan Sioui	F	Sr.	6'5"/190 lbs.	Holden MA
50	Chris Davis	F	Fr.	6'4"/175 lbs.	Gorham ME
52	Mark Czerepusco	F	Jr.	6'5"/215 lbs.	Plainville CT
54	Chris Brunone	C	Sr.	6'6"/200 lbs.	Vernon CT

CLUB CORNER

ASM INTERNATIONAL

The WPI student chapter of ASM International will be sponsoring a seminar about graduate study in Material Science/Engineering. All students are invited to attend, interested juniors are encouraged. The seminar will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1987 from 11-12:00 in WB 229. Speakers will include Prof. R. Sisson, graduate students and Alumni. Refreshments will be served.

ETA KAPPA NU

This week, HKN's Undergraduate Projects Subcommittee, chaired by Isaac Davidi, presented its recommendations to the Undergraduate Projects Committee after discussing the problems seen by the students in the project system. One of their many recommendations was an orientation session designed to let EE's know what the department's resources are and in which labs they are located. The subcommittee also felt that department resources needed to

expanded and procedures for obtaining (and paying) for these resources needed to be formalized. In order to reduce the AD:AC ratio's current top heaviness, the subcommittee recommended mandatory MQP presentations that would be judged based on an evaluation sheet that they are currently working on. Progress reports would also be used to more accurately grade MQPs. In addition, the subcommittee felt that HKN's Project Day was very helpful for students getting ready for their MQPs and recommended that this event be expanded in the future.

On a less serious note, the Mug Committee, chaired by Kathy Hepp, has decided to order 15 oz. Jamestown Mugs. They will have a gold band around the lip with the HKN crest on the glass mug. The mugs should only be \$5.00. To order your mug, members (students and faculty) need only call Kathy at 792-1391. The order will be going out next month so get your orders in.

HILLEL

On Tuesday, December 1 there will be a meeting for all members of Hillel at 7 p.m. in the lower wedge to plan more upcoming fun events. Many future activities will take place in conjunction with Clark JSC with whom our club has had continues good relations. Recently, Hillel was involved in the sale of raffle tickets to aid Israeli refuseniks - many thanks to all those who bought and sold tickets for this very worthy cause. Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for an awesome Chanukah party which will occur on Sunday, December 13 at 5 p.m.

WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the WPI Wireless Association will be on Thursday, December 3, at 4:30pm in Salisbury Labs room 011. All are invited.

W1YK was listed First Place in Massachusetts in the 1986 CQ 160 meter contest. The club station, piloted to victory by Mark

Curran(KA10DA), also came in 4th in New England. Good going Mark!

Also, congratulations to Dan Malloy! He received his new call last Monday, KA1RDZ (Rapidly Dropping Zipper).

Joe Fitzgerald took a look at the 'Brute' a few days ago because it was reported to be broken. After a careful inspection he decided that just because it belches smoke and makes strange noises, it not necessarily broken. It just needs a little TLC.

The W1YK-1 Packet Bulletin Board system is now on the air! After receiving a memory transplant, our packet modem learned how to do bulletin boarding. For more info on the system, contact Bob Inderbitzen. He's usually up in the shack at ext. 5446.

If you are interested in Amateur Radio and would like to find out more about the club, please contact Michael Kentley(box 1186) or Joe Fitzgerald(box 1873). See you Thursday!

GREEK CORNER

ALPHA CHIRHO

The past few days turned out to be full of surprises at our house. Pledges tried takeovers and raids, but forgot about something rather important. Brothers always win. Well...better luck next time. Good try guys. We certainly hope to see more attempts. We are sure that National enjoyed the phone call almost as much as you did.

On another note, the weekend was sparked on the way by two nights of Crow's Nest activity, and a great football game. Hopefully the losers enjoyed the game as much as the winners did. Crow's Nest also turned out to be as enjoyable as ever, at both locations. We are definitely looking forward to the next one.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Hey Slatts, can you get everyone a crush date? Lynne - 140 over 80 and it's a date!! Allison - we are all watching over you the 19th (that's the gas). Patty, can you show me that smoking trick thursday? Oh, sorry, I forgot it's the G.A.S.!! Hey Sue, congrats on your IQP. Date on the drop of a note often, Patty? Dari, chew on ice much? Lynne, how come John isn't chewing on ice? Congrats Nancy! Lynn, we're having so much fun! Dari, want to go to Holy Cross? Big Nance, keep your fist out of your mouth! Sue, ask their name first!!!! So Pam, when are you going to ask HIM!!! Kim L. - like the saying goes "When in doubt - just ask the man next door!" - PAS and JPL. Hey, Bridie great field hockey season! Playing won't be as much fun without you. Nellie D.W. - We didn't stay together but each kept our piece of the sacred bandana - way to go! MAD DOG - where did you get all those battle caps from? Yo mich - way to go - I didn't have to bring home any of your friends this weekend - Big Improvement! Pledges - good raid! All 12 fraternities - Great Psyche! Keep it up!!!

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DELTA PHI EPSILON

Bubba says thanks! Great wake-up breakfast - we'll get you next time Lisa! Cushing incredible pancake! Pledges get psyched!! But you're running out of time. Love you Auntie Liza! How's your burnt thumb Linda? Hope it's healing well. Good luck Carolyn on your President's IQP Award Presentation! Vanessa & Sue - are you getting those signatures? C'mon Veda, wake up, please!! Amy, where's Harry? Who's got him now?? Vanessa, what's the strangest question you've ever been asked? Have a great Thanksgiving!!

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Thanks to all brothers and Becker women volunteers on Lambda's annual food drive - Project Help '87. The project was a successful Philanthropy follow-up to Lambda's 1st Haunted House which was a huge success. The canned foods were given to many needy families of Worcester through the United Way's Friendly House. Special thanks to Dave Moreira, Paul Benham, Scott Sarazen, Pete Shaffer, and Paul Savage for their extra efforts. Also, special thanks to Pete DeBillis for his support though our sponsor - Budweiser. Just a closing note to Fiji. Let's see if you have the sac to play intramural hoop with your brothers only! Stand or fall with your brothers - not substitutes! A special congratulations to Tim Conway on becoming Lambda's new pitch god.

PHI GAMMA DELTA

Congratulations to Stu Kibbee and Kristen Breed on their pinning at the Champagne Party. Fiji Intramurals are back on track after a disappointing second place finish in Football.

The defending champion Fiji A Basketball team got off to a quick start with an easy 40-point win. The Fiji bowling team is also undefeated, off to a very surprising start.

And for all those who complained about the scarcity of these columns - are you happy now. And finally, Joe Sugar - get your stupid slippers out of my room.

PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Congratulations to Kristen Breed on her recent pinning to Stu Kibbee of Phi Gamma Delta at Fiji's Champagne Party! Just out of curiosity what's this rumor that you've had it for the past three months - so I guess it's congratulations again. Many congratulations to Khrist Hines on a fabulous 74th anniversary celebration of Phi Sigma Sigma's Founders' Day. Did anybody get the feeling they were sleeping in a VW bug in the house this past weekend...just a few extra people. A belated welcome back to Sharon Whyte who opted, silly girl, to spend her A-Term in Washington D.C., than here in Worcester with us.

Well, I NEVER would believe what we learned about the pledges last week! I'm glad to see you are all angels - just like you Mom!! Pledges - make sure you're taking advantage of the sisters cooking this term - to quote Pam C. "Bag a sandwich - just in case."

Awesome job Khrist S. on the pre-Turkey dinner we are all ThanksgivingFUL for it! Hope everybody enjoys this short break, but get psyched to come back, only 18 days till the big night, but get psyched to come back, only 18 days till the big night and I'm not even counting!! Jen - you're doing an awesome job - Thanks!! Ashton, Have a Happy T-day and Happy B-day! Also Happy Birthday to Debbie R + Sharon W. on Dec. 5th and to Maureen B. + Jen L. on the 3rd. - Be there or be square. Have a Happy Thanksgiving Everybody - Gobble, Gobble!!!

SIGMA PI

Congrats to Jeff Knaption on his inheritance of a diamond mine. Also to Glenn Butler-philanthropy chair, and Nant - publicity chair. Hoop team looking good 4-0 two to go, Leaping Lenny a possible MVP. Hey Brett would you like to hear a bedtime story, or is Erin speechless. To whom it may concern, how's your MOUTH. It's not how you play the game, it's how many pledges you shoot (or Juniors). Thanksgiving dinner was a success, but serving ladies will again be serving on Christmas. Thanks girls. The food was so good, Army just couldn't get enough of it. Tensions are building between classes, Rat Pack may surface again. No not you maggot. Juniors beware, especially those late-night loudmouths, Shut up Already, Damn. Mound I think your package is here. Vanimal is a beast. Good to see so many Wild Turkeys downed on Friday, Indiana Jones will be back December 4. M.S. soliciting is good, who will win bounty. I heard Moyni's transferring to MIT, we'll miss you especially when we want to gorp someone. What IS THE airspeed velocity of a swallow?

Everyone have a nice Thanksgiving and get ready to sell (and buy) raffle tickets. P.S. did Duane make it to his destination Thursday night, mighty cold out, but everyone likes frozen juice.

THETA CHI

Theta Chi sports teams are off to an excellent start this term. A-team bowling and A-team basketball are undefeated and B- team bowling has only a single loss. We would like to congratulate Sully and Bob for placing third in the Foosball tournament.

The third annual Theta Chi beach party was, again, a tremendous success. It was complete with swimming pool, waterslide, waterfall, sunlight, and of course plenty of sand. Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort all week in preparation for the gala event. Last Tuesday night the Theta Chi pub was host to an evening of merriment. We would like to thank BooBoo for organizing the event and look forward to more in the future. What-no money in the social fund? No problem-pass the hat, pitch in, and wala- a party last Friday night. May there never be a weekend without a party.

The brothers greatly appreciated the breakfast raid by the pledges last Wednesday. The food was great, do it again sometime. Remember, beach party shirts and mugs make great Christmas presents. Emus's girlfriend gets the Rocky award. There is a collection being taken up to buy Gweeks plastic sheets. Be sure to carb up over Thanksgiving break, AIGHT!

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Party at Andy's place on the New Year's Eve!! Anyone interested?

Did anyone know that Mac Ben's sells hickies??

Tim F. — What's the R.C.B.? What's on the front of your shirt, dip?

Bill R. — We lust after your body!

To all Kamikaze fighter pilots: Excellent bombing run! Get ready to fly again D-term!

Pat — HeHeHeHeHe — NICE STROKE! Signed Teddi.

Ming, get some real hair!

Phi Sig Sig, get psyched to sell those poinsettias over thanksgiving break!!!

boo-boo, it's almost one year!! Yay!!

18 days until the Christmas Party!!

Mike (Itch), Congratulations on your acceptance into Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma. I'm so proud of you! Love, Kim.

An open apology to any and all girls I assaulted! Sorry! - A bombed Kamikaze pilot p.s. You too, Mac Ben.

Bob, Thank you, for the private lessons on the love seat !!! Love A.

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Here's that Police Log, Mom

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What's Happening

Tuesday, November 24, 1987

Last day of classes

7:30pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

7:30pm & 9:30pm -- Movie: "Crimes of the Heart" Clark Academic Center AC320, \$3.00

Wednesday, November 25, 1987

12:10pm -- "A Brown Bag Celebration" - Brown Bag Concert series, Mechanics Hall - Free

7:30pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

Thursday, November 26, 1987

7:30pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

7:30pm & 9:30pm -- Movie: "Crimes of the Heart" Clark Academic Center AC320, \$3.00

Friday, November 27, 1987

2:00pm & 7:30pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

Saturday, November 28, 1987

12:00pm, 4:00pm & 8:00pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

7:30pm & 9:30pm -- Movie: "Crimes of the Heart" Clark Academic Center AC320, \$3.00

Sunday, November 29, 1987

11:30am -- Mass Alden Hall

1:00pm & 3:00pm -- Movie: "Crimes of the Heart" Clark Academic Center AC320, \$3.00

1:00pm & 5:00pm -- Ice Capades - Centrum \$10.50, \$9.00, & \$7.50

6:30pm & 9:30pm -- The Reel Thing "Hoosiers" Alden \$1.50

Monday, November 30, 1987

8:00pm -- Spectrum Fine Arts Series presents "Chestnut Brass" Alden Hall - Free

Tuesday, December 1, 1987

11:30am - 1:30pm -- Campus Ministry Gathering, Wedge

6:30pm - 12:30am -- IFC/Panhel United Way Auction, Alden Hall

9:00pm -- Coffeehouse, Patty Larkin, Gompei's Place

Wednesday, December 2, 1987

12:10pm -- Brown Bag Concert Series - The Franconia Trio, Free

4:00pm -- Chemistry Colloquium - The aldol reaction from a crystallographic perspective - Dr. Paul Willard of Brown University, OH227

7:30pm -- Rush - Centrum \$17.50 & \$15.00

7:40pm -- Ice Hockey - Connecticut College JV's (H)

9:00pm -- The New Thing "Outsiders" Gompei's Place, \$1.00

Thursday, December 3, 1987

7:30pm -- Rush - Centrum \$17.50 & \$15.00

9:00pm -- No Frills Theatre, Monty Python's "The Holy Grail", Holy Cross Air Force ROTC building, Free

Saturday, December 5, 1987

7:40pm -- Ice Hockey, Bryant College (H)

9:00pm -- WPI's Band Benefit in Gompei's Place, \$1.00

Grenadier Guards & Drums, Pipes, & Dancers of the Gordon Highlanders - Centrum \$15.00, \$12.00 & \$9.00

Sunday, December 6, 1987

Hillel Bagel Brunch

11:30am -- Mass, Alden Hall

2:00pm -- Concert - Kenny Rogers with Ronnie Milsap & Exile, Centrum \$16.50

6:00pm -- Mass, Founders Hall

6:30pm & 9:30pm -- The Reel Thing "Outrageous Fortune", Alden Hall, \$1.50

Monday, December 7, 1987

4:30pm -- Faculty Lecture Series "Alice Through the Looking Glass: The odd Behavior of Amorphous Glasses", Dr. Michael W. Klein - Physics, Washburn 229

POLICE LOG

Sunday, November 15, 1987

1:26 a.m. -- Sargent was out with two male subjects by Goddard Hall. Sargent reported coming to station with the two subjects. The two subjects were questioned regarding a sign that was removed by West and Salisbury. Subjects were advised by Sargent and the sign was then put back.

2:30 a.m. -- An R.A. from second floor Riley called regarding a disturbance. Two Officers over to investigate. Officers arrived and found students cleaning up the mess from the disturbance they had. Officers then left the scene.

2:50 a.m. -- Call received from a citizen reporting a fight at the rear of Founders Hall. When Sargent and Officer arrived, they were unable to find the disturbance.

2:58 a.m. -- Worcester Police Department called to report that they had a cruiser on the way to Institute Road for a disturbance there. Sargent was notified, and would assist. Sargent reports that WPD was handling two non-students.

Monday, November 16, 1987

4:20 p.m. -- Call received from a woman in the area regarding a complaint due to the frater-

nities. She spoke to the Chief, who then rectified the situation.

Wednesday, November 18, 1987

1:28 a.m. -- Call received regarding disturbance by the Fuller Apartments. Officers notified. Officer reports speaking with students, and all persons involved had returned to their rooms.

Thursday, November 19, 1987

12:00 p.m. -- Sargent and Officer respond to a complaint of a woman yelling at people down by Boynton Street. Sargent requested a call to WPD to see if the individual had any warrants. WPD responded with two warrants for the individual.

12:15 p.m. -- WPD arrived on the scene with two cruisers. At their determination, the wagon was called. The individual was transported to WPD.

9:12 p.m. -- SNAP student reported extremely loud music coming from Founders Building. Officer responded, claiming he could hear the music from Boynton Hall. Students in Founders Building were advised about the situation, and the amplifiers were removed from the windows.

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